

The Council assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Monday the 18th December 1922, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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NEW MEMBERS.

The following members were sworn in :—

Mr. EDWARD FRANCIS THOMAS, C.I.E., I.C.S.

M.R.Ry. Rai Bahadur NARASIMHA AYYANGAR GOPALASWAMI AYYANGAR Avargal.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Reduction of taluks in the Tinnevely district.

517 Q.—Mr. A. M. AHMAD MIRAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to reduce the number of taluks in the Tinnevely district; if so, what are the proposals and in what stage the matter now stands; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Ambasamudram and Tenkasi taluks have been proposed to be clubbed together making Ambasamudram as headquarters; whether the public of the Tinnevely district were consulted in the matter?

A.—Proposals have been received and are under the consideration of the Government. The public of the Tinnevely district have not been consulted.

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—“Will the public of the Tinnevely district ever be consulted in the matter?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—“The question will be considered.”

Mappilla prisoners in the Cannanore Central Jail.

518 Q.—Mr. A. D. M. BAVOTTI SAHIB : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Mappillas and other Muhammadan prisoners in the Central Jail, Cannanore; and

(b) what were the arrangements made for them to perform their prayers and to observe fasting during the month of Ramzan in the matter of meals and clothing?

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A.—(a) One thousand five hundred and thirteen Mappilla and other Muhammadan prisoners on the 11th November 1922.

(b) (1) Rule 283, Jail Manual, was complied with, viz., all Muhammadans were given every facility to follow their religious observances, compatible with the maintenance of jail discipline. Water for drinking and ablution was supplied in wards or cells occupied by Muhammadan prisoners, and fasting prisoners were given food in the shape of *kanyi* or rice or ragi cake—whichever preferred—at night. Permission was also granted for prayers to be said at night, provided there was no interference with other prisoners' sleep.

(2) No special arrangements were made in the matter of clothing. All Muhammadan prisoners have since been supplied with trousers, reaching to within four inches above the ankle, in lieu of short breeches.

Government Training School for Mistresses, Tellicherry.

519 Q.—MR. A. D. M. BAVOTTI SAHIB: With reference to my question No. 265 at the meeting of the Council held on 16th September 1922 regarding the training school for mistresses in Tellicherry, will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the names with qualifications of teachers in the Government Training School for Mistresses, Tellicherry, and the model school attached to it;

(b) whether teachers were transferred from the abovementioned training and model schools this year, and if so, how many and to which school or schools; and

(c) whether peons were transferred and if so, why?

A.—(a) *Training section—*

Name.	Designation.	Qualifications.
1. Miss Agnes D'Cruz	Acting Headmistress	Holds Trained Teachers' certificate of the Secondary grade.
2. V. C. Narayani	First assistant	Do.
3. K. P. Sharada (on other duty in the Government Secondary and Training School, Cannanore).	Second assistant	Holds Trained Teachers' certificate of the Secondary grade (Intermediate in Arts).
M. Saldhana	Acting assistant	Holds Trained Teachers' certificate of the Secondary grade.
4. Miss C. S. Sharada	Third assistant	Do.
5. Miss T. Britto	Fourth assistant	Do.

Model School.

1. O. K. Rathii	Headmistress	Do.
2. Vacant	First assistant
3. M. Kalyani	Second assistant	Holds Trained Teachers' certificate of the Elementary Higher grade.
4. K. Thala	Third assistant	Do.
5. M. Thambai	Fourth assistant	Do.
6. K. K. Kalyani	Fifth assistant	Do.
7. Hanna Stephen	Sixth assistant (acting)	Do.
8. T. Parvati	Seventh assistant (acting).	Do.